Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
September 21, 2025 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called to lives of prayerful awareness of ourselves, of our community, and of the world.
C: We gather to praise the living God, who hears and answers the outpouring of our prayers.
P: May we be awakened to the voice of Christ who calls us to faithfulness.
C: May our faith be seen in using God's resources and resourcefulness in serving the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
C: Amen.

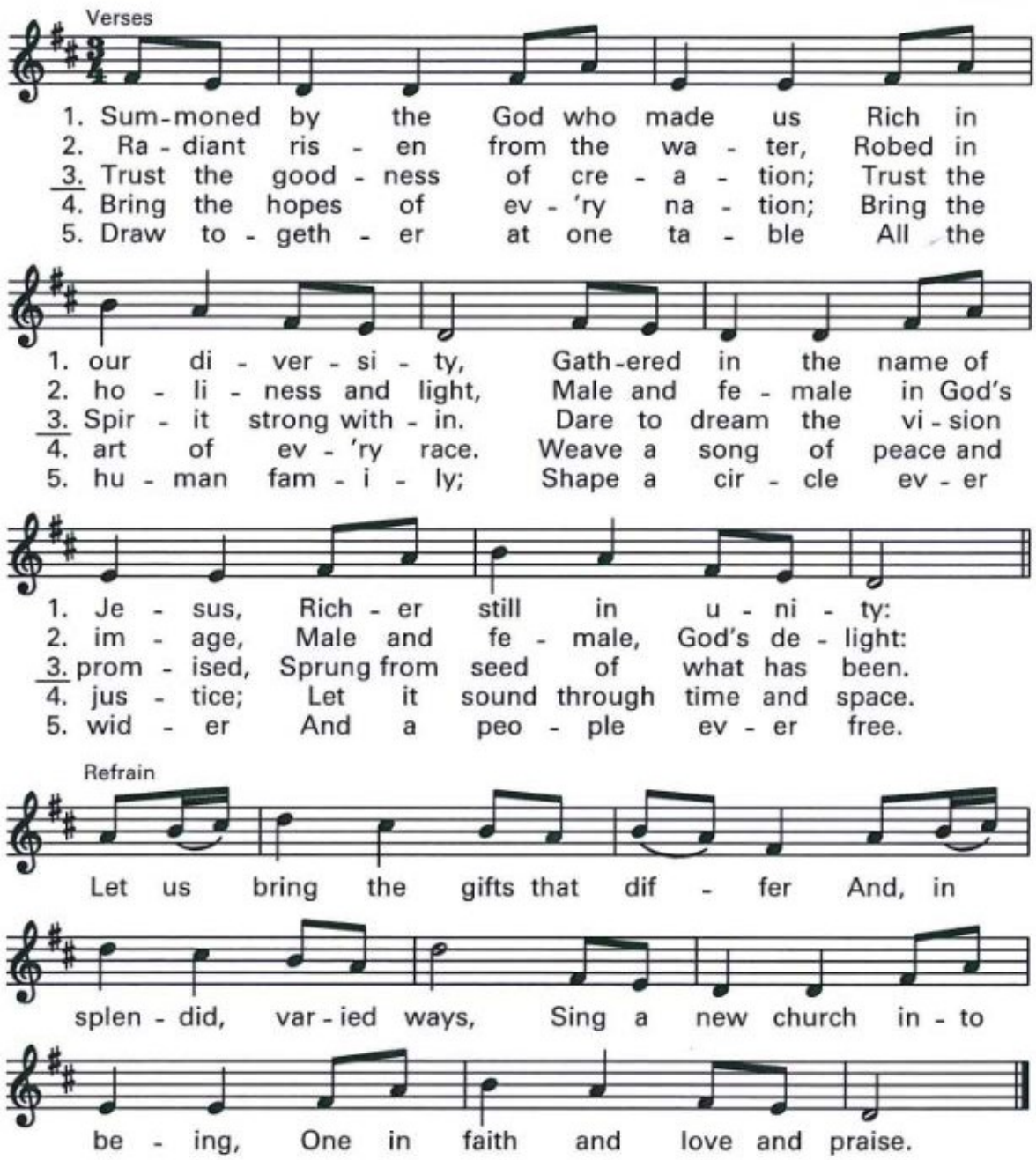
P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,
C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *"Sing a New Church into Being"*



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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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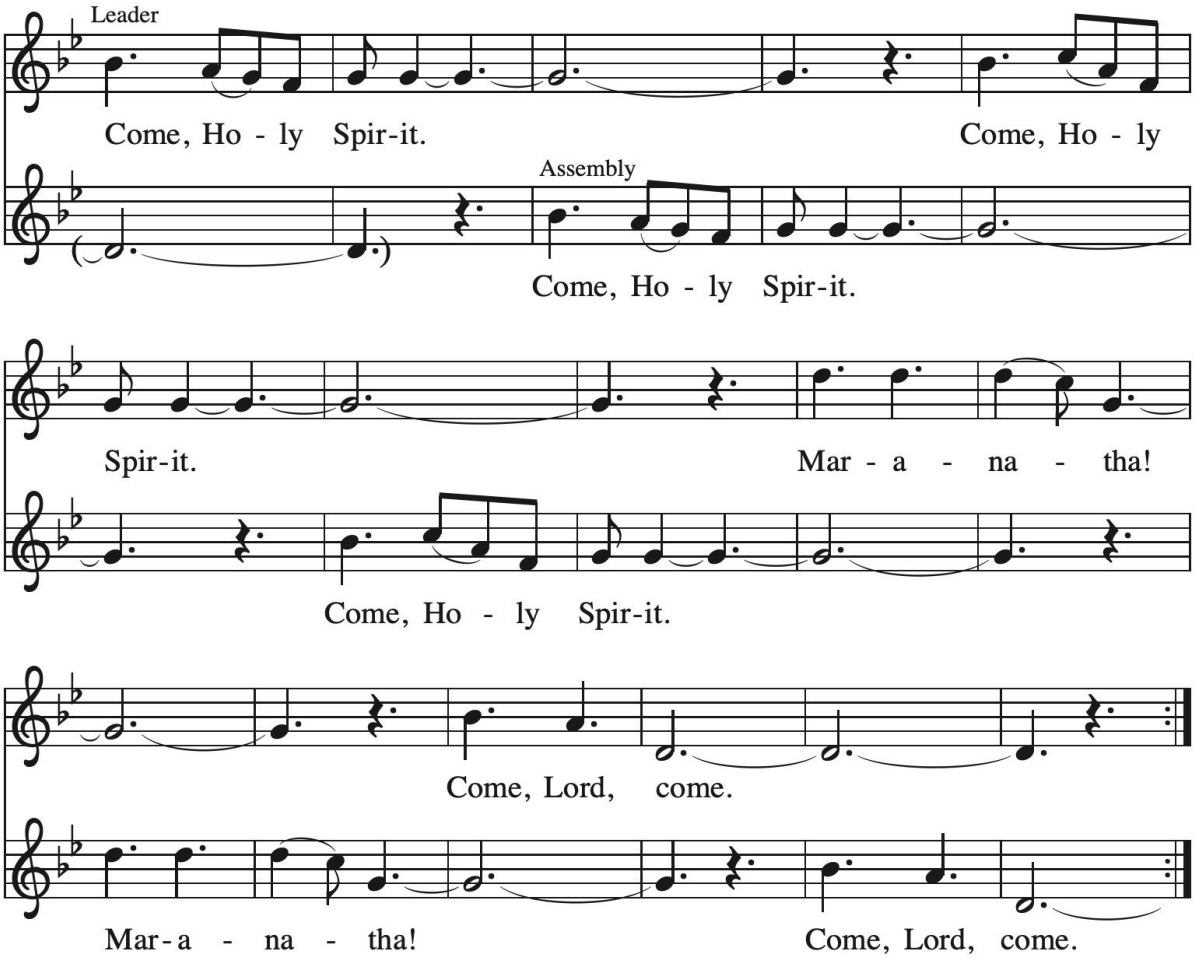

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Music: COME, HOLY SPIRIT (IONA), Iona Community
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

A: A reading from Amos.

[4] Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
[5] saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
[6] buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
[7] The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 113

P: [1] Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.
C: [2] Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
P: [3] From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.
C: [4] The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.
P: [5] Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
C: [6] but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
P: [7] The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
C: [8] enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

P: [9] The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

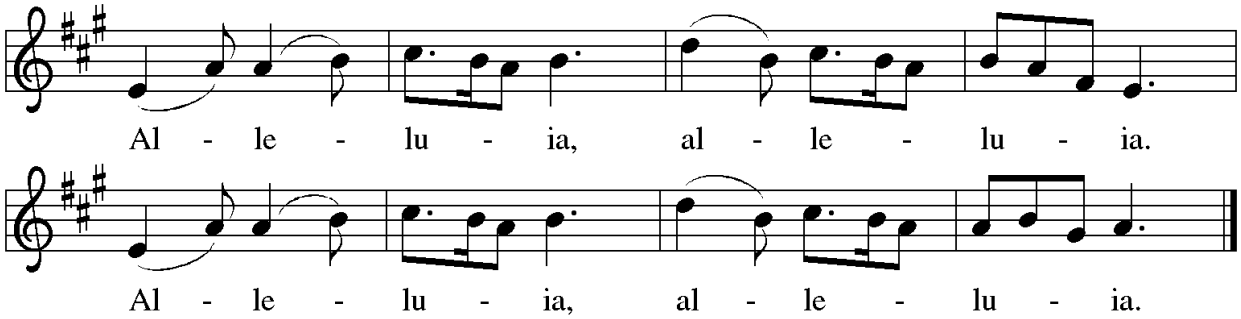
A: A reading from First Timothy.

[1] First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
thanksgivings be made for everyone, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions,
so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. [3] This is
right and acceptable before God our Savior, [4] who desires everyone to be saved and
to come to the knowledge of the truth. [5] For
there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
[6] who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.[7] For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and
truth.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and
charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. [2] So he
summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an
accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any
longer.' [3] Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is
taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am
ashamed to beg. [4] I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as
manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' [5] So, summoning his master's
debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' [6] He
answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down
quickly, and make it fifty.' [7] Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?'
He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and
make it eighty.' [8] And his master commended the dishonest manager because he
had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with
their own generation than are the children of light. [9] And I tell you, make friends
for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may
welcome you into the eternal homes.
[10] "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is
dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. [11] If, then, you have not been
faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? [12] And if
you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is
your own? [13] No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and
love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve
God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

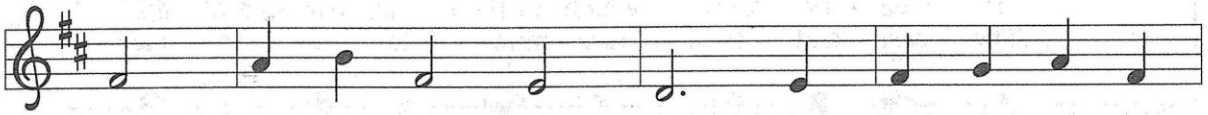
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

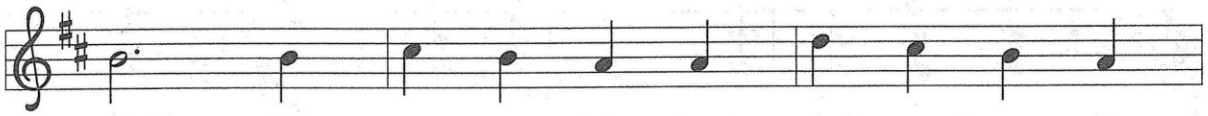
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 791

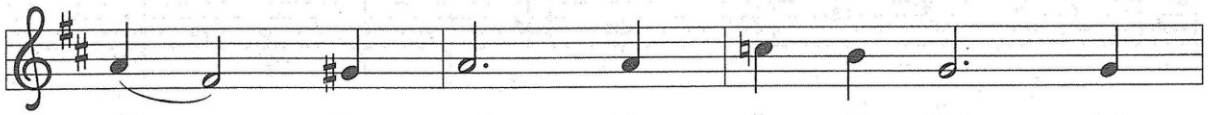
"We Sing to You, O God"



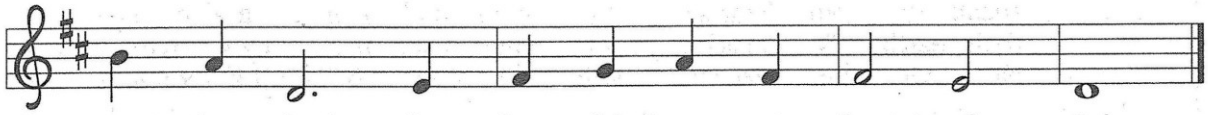
1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us
2 We wan - dered far from home out in a des - ert
3 You bear us through the world, an ea - gle to its
4 O God, e - ter - nal God, we hide with - in your



birth, let our re - joic - ing sing your name in
land, you shield - ed with your love our fear - ful
young; you rise up on your wings and bear us
wings, the ev - er - last - ing arms to whom our



all the earth. To you, O God, let
pil - grim band. You kept us safe with -
toward the sun. We ride the vaults of
prais - es ring. Your word is true, your



songs be raised, in joy - ful hymns, our feast of praise.
in your arms and shel - tered us a - gainst the storm.
light and air and trust in your un - fail - ing care.
way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

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Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962
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Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones *especially John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Gary, Bonnie, the friends and family of Vivian, Janet, Coralie, Barbara, and Ruth.* May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints especially Matthew and all who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

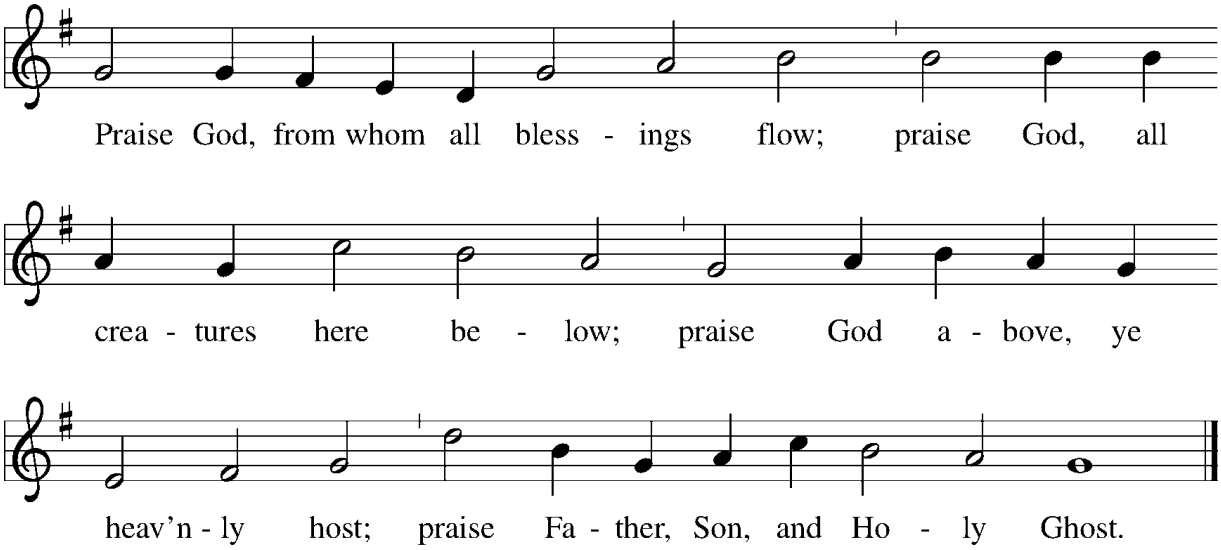
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

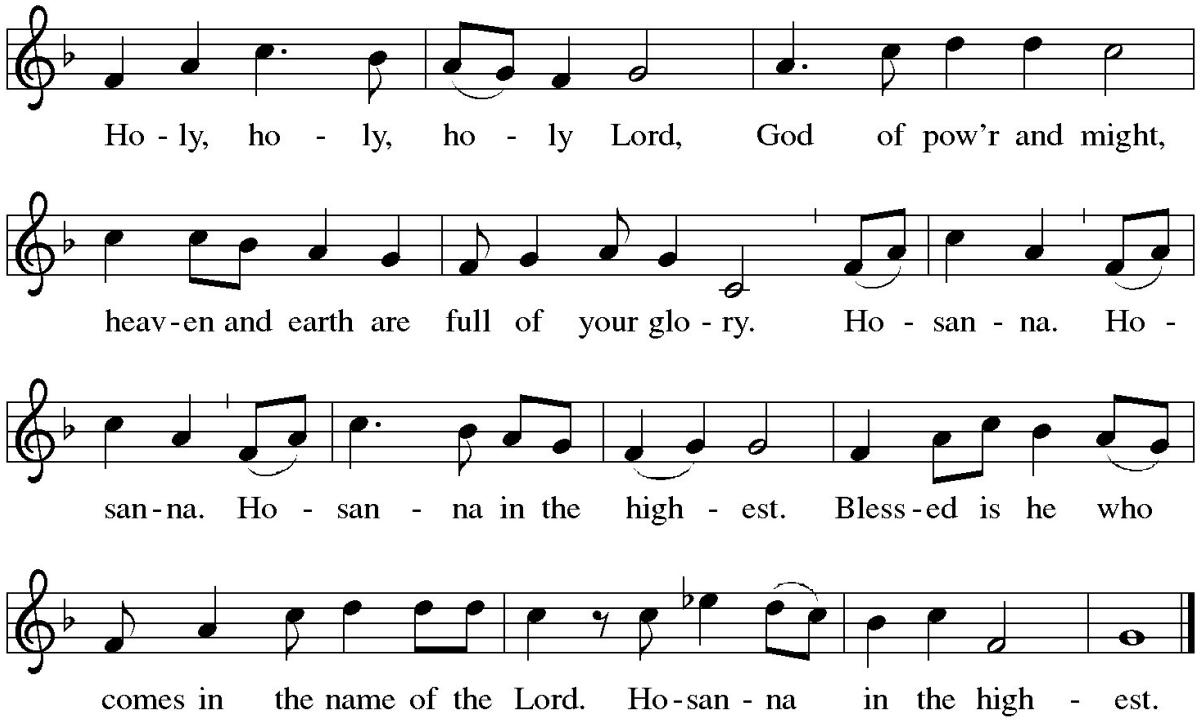
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is right and good that we should offer you thanks and praise, O God, for with great love you have led us out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. You guided us along the way, giving us power to rejoice in the face of evil and death, and, fulfilling your ancient promise you continue to lift up the brokenhearted even in our own day. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth and created us in your likeness. You made us guardians of your good creation and left the earth in our care.

All through our weary years and our silent tears, you did not abandon us to ourselves, but sought us out in love. When we were captives in Egypt, you did not abandon us. When we wandered in the wilderness, you did not abandon us. When we turned to false gods, you did not abandon us.

Through your holy prophets you called us to return to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love. In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to

condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor. Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

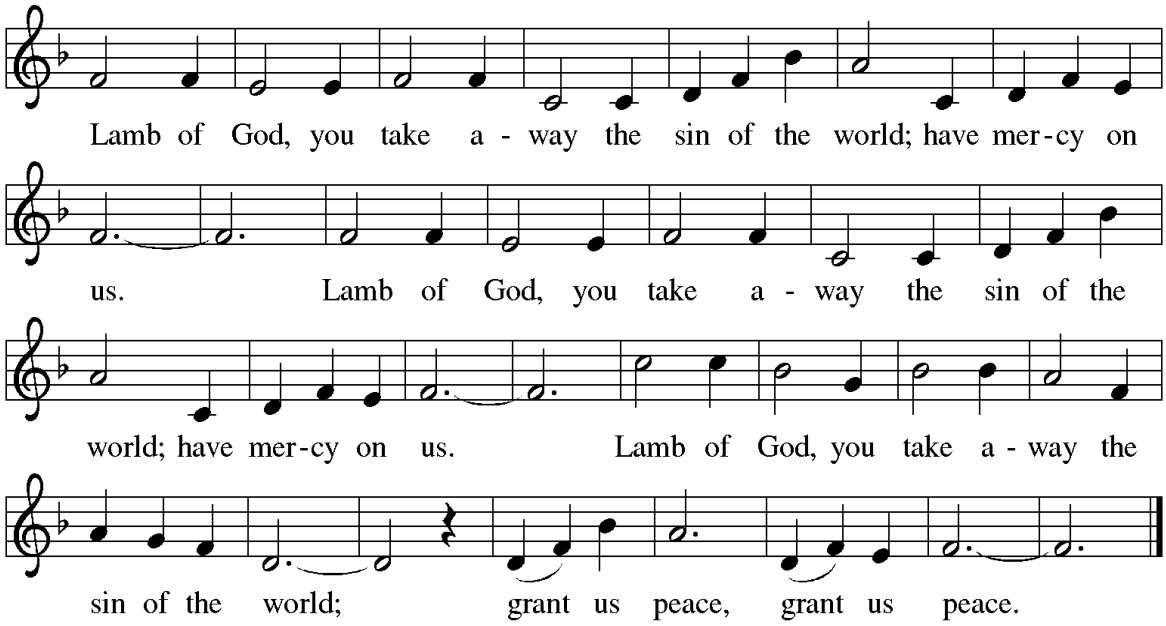
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

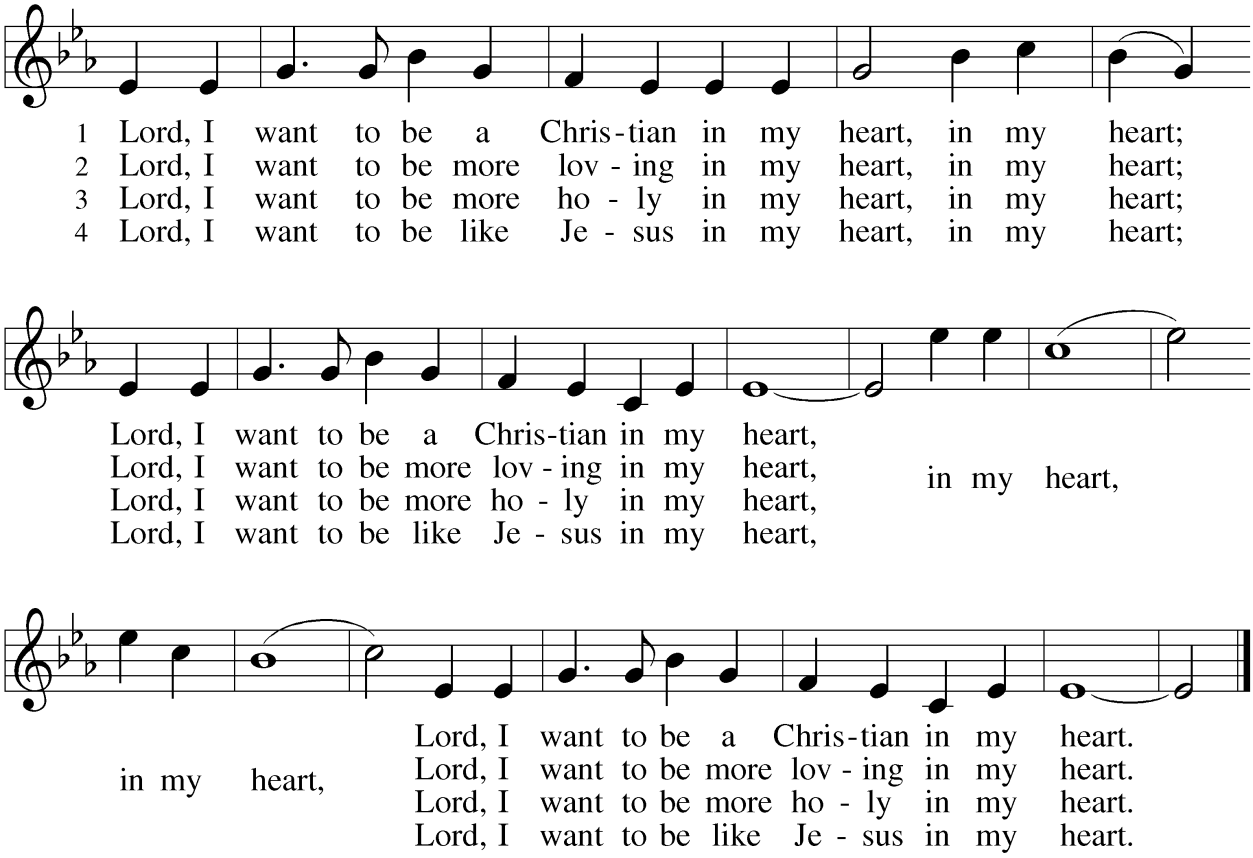
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* TFF 234

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)



Text: African American spiritual
Music: IN MY HEART, African American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May God give you wisdom to know- when to speak and when to be silent,
when to offer help and when to hold back,
when to ask for help and when to go it alone,
when to comfort and when to challenge,
when to pray and when to get busy.

C: Amen!

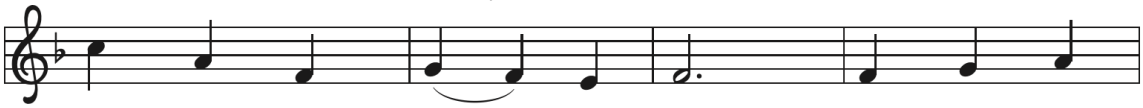
P: The grace of our Saviour Christ, the love of our faithful God,
and the joy of our Friend the Holy Spirit, will be with you now and always.

C: Amen!

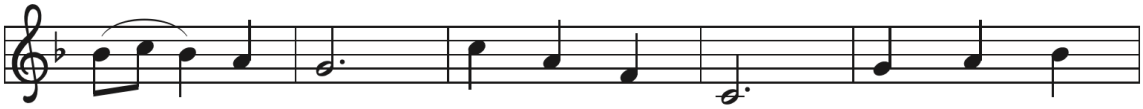
From Bruce D. Prewer

SENDING HYMN ACS 1063

"God of the Fertile Feilds"



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

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love to share, teach us like you to care
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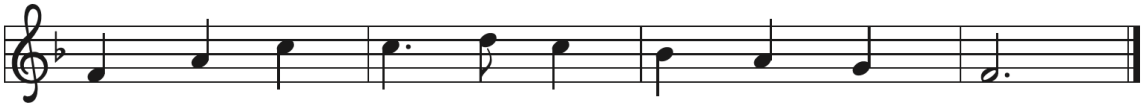

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (October - December) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

New Member Gathering
Our Autumn New Member Sunday is coming. Please speak with Pastor Rinas about interest in becoming a member of the congregation.

Social/Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed
Thanks to those who have volunteered, we still could use a couple of more people to fill in some of the Sundays and assist with other volunteers. See Della or Linda King after church in the gathering area.

History in Maps:
The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine. This is scheduled for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start at 11:30 AM, following church services. There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

Women's Bible Study
Women's Bible Study will meet in the lounge Sunday October 12 following the service to watch the documentary, Daughter of a Lost Bird. Bring a sack lunch to eat if you want. The documentary is just over an hour long and then there will be some discussion.

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up:
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Needed weekly for Food Pantry! Around 40 boxes each week.
If you find any at the grocery store, while shopping, or get any boxes in the mail, please bring them to the church the next Sunday you come. Any box 12 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches or up to 16 inches x 16 inches x 16 inches (or any size in between!) Shoe boxes are too small and not sturdy enough.

Boxes are packed with a box of oatmeal, box of pasta, box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice and up to 14 cans of food.

Please leave any boxes near the Food Pantry shelves or Clothes Closet donation bin in the gathering area. Thank you!

Free Wood
If anyone is interested or knows someone who is interested in free logs to be split for firewood. They are available behind the church rear parking lot, along with more tree to be cut up.

Financial Progress Report –
Attendance Sunday 9/14/25: 43
This past week (Sept 8 – Sept 14) we received income of: $1,789
Approved Budget: $285,719 ***Needed Weekly:*** $5,495

For the month of August we had:
- ***Income:*** $15,160
- ***Disbursements:*** $24,433
- ***August Balance:*** $ - 9,273
  - ***Negative August balance due to:***
    *Expenses exceed income.
    *Many pledges have been paid in full the first half of the year, as a result offerings are now declining.

So far this year we have:
- ***Income:*** $213,695
- ***Disbursements:*** $190,934
- ***YTD Balance:*** $22,761
  - ***Favorable YTD balance due to:***
    *Investments positive change in value.
    *Bequest from estate of Barb Maes.
    *Many pledges have been paid in full the first half of the year.

Last year at August 31, 2024 our YTD balance was $ - 2,660. Thank you for your support.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, September 21 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING**
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 23

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 24

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, September 25

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- YCC 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Friday, September 26 – Office Closed

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, September 28 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Gary, Bonnie, the friends and family of Vivian, Janet, Coralie, Barb, and Ruth.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
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